

# Bike The Woodlands Coalition August 2022 Family Bike Ride Routes

## SHORT COURSE: Northshore Park Tour

*Take your balance bike rider on a ride around Northshore Park! Cruise around the pathways and practice starting and stopping. See how long you can glide without pedaling or putting your foot down.*

## MEDIUM COURSE: Meadowlake Park Excursion (1.2 mi round trip)

*Explore the playgrounds, run across the meadow, and check out the pond at one of Panther Creek's best parks. Can you find Mile Marker 50 on the pathway near the pond?*

**DIRECTIONS:** To reach Meadowlake Park, follow the pathway away from Northshore Park and travel **WEST** along Lake Woodlands Drive. (If you cross the bridge to cross the lake, you're going the wrong way.) The pathway will bring you to the **SOUTHEAST CORNER** of Lake Woodlands Drive and Panther Creek Drive. At Panther Creek Drive, use the crosswalks to cross the street to the **NORTHWEST CORNER** of Panther Creek and Lake Woodlands Drive. *PLEASE NOTE: you'll need to use the crosswalks twice to cross Panther Creek Drive AND Lake Woodlands Drive as you travel from the southeast corner of the intersection to the northwest corner of the intersection.* Meadowlake Park occupies the northwest corner of this intersection, across the street from Living Word Lutheran Church. Play at the park at your leisure, then return to Northshore Park.

## About The Pathways

Today's rides are located in the Village of Panther Creek in some of the oldest areas of The Woodlands. Our pathways are made for slow travel and shared use: You should expect to share the path with walkers, runners, strollers, dog walkers, wheelchairs, bikes, scooters, and more. Most pathways wind and curve around the trees that keep us in the shade, so travel carefully, share the road, and take a moment to marvel at the beautiful place we call home.



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**Join us for our next two family bike rides:**

Sunday 9/11, 1-3:30 PM, Terramont Park, Village of Sterling Ridge

Sunday 10/9, 1-3:30 PM, Timarron Park, Village of Creekside Park

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## LONG COURSE: Secret Park Search (3.6 mi loop, Lehigh Springs Park & back)

The Woodlands has more than 150 parks, all of which are accessible from its network of more than 220 miles of paved pathways. Some of these parks are accessible by car (like Northshore Park!), and some others are a little more secluded. Lehigh Springs Park is one of these interesting parks only accessible via the pathways: It's hidden back in the forest among houses in the Panther Creek neighborhoods, and it's a fun destination for a park outing.

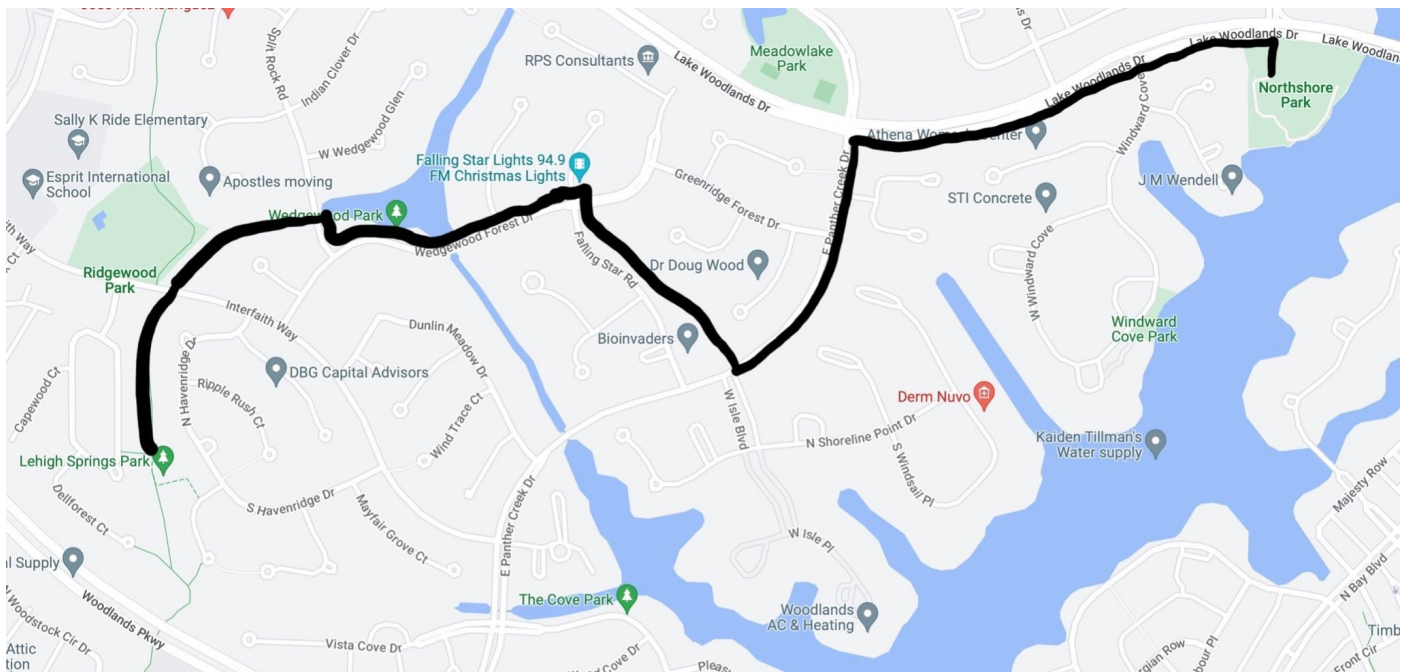
**This guided ride will begin at 1:30 PM and return to Northshore Park.**

**Families may join our group ride or follow the route below to ride on their own.**

### TURN-BY-TURN DIRECTIONS

- Turn **LEFT** to leave Northshore Park and travel **WEST** on Lake Woodlands Drive (away from Lake Woodlands; if you cross the bridge over the lake, you're going the wrong way).
- At East Panther Creek Drive, turn **LEFT** and travel **SOUTH**.
- At the entrance to West Isle neighborhood at West Isle Drive, turn **RIGHT** to cross Panther Creek Drive at the crosswalk to continue on the pathway into the woods.
- At the five-point fork in the pathways, continue **STRAIGHT**.
- Follow the pathway to the intersection of Wedgewood Forest Drive and Falling Star Road. Turn **LEFT** and cross Falling Star Road to continue following the pathway.
- Follow the pathway along Wedgewood Forest Drive and past Wedgewood Park. The Pathway will bend to the right to follow Split Rock Road. Shortly after the big turn to the right, **TURN LEFT** to follow the pathway across Split Rock Road and along the drainage easement.
- At Interfaith Way, **CROSS THE STREET** and continue **SOUTH** to follow the pathway along the drainage easement.
- Continue straight until you reach your destination, Lehigh Springs Park.
- Play, rest, grab some water from the water fountain. Then, reverse these directions to return home.

***Want to find more hidden parks? Check out Crossvine Park in Grogan's Mill, Rainprint Park in Panther Creek, and Turnstone Park in Cochran's Crossing. Use the Township Parks & Pathways map to find the best route.***



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## About Terramont Park

Terramont Park was built in 2005 and is one of the three "Area Parks" for the Village of Sterling Ridge. (The others are Pepperdale Park and May Valley Park). Terramont Park is notable for its wheel-friendly area, its dog-friendly area, and its hills, which are part of a disc golf course.

Today's ride features a popular loop used by pathway riders and road riders alike. We'll explore some thoughtful elements of our community's built environment, from the one-mile gravel running path at Spindle Tree Ponds Park to the long, quiet stretches of Branch Crossing Drive where you can imagine what this area must have looked like before our houses and streets were here.

**This guided ride will begin at 1:30 PM and return to Terramont Park.**

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**Sunday 10/9, 1-3:30 PM, Timarron Park, Village of Creekside Park**

**Sunday 11/13, 1-3:30 PM, Location TBD**

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## SHORT COURSE: Terramont Park Tour

*Explore Terramont Park's hills and thrills.*

Terramont Park is one of 10 "wheel-friendly" parks in The Woodlands that feature spaces well suited for bikes, skateboards, and more. Check out the wheel-friendly area to explore ramps, rails, and other terrain.

Terramont Park is also notable for its hills, a surprising feature in the midst of our mostly flat community. For a biking challenge, practice riding up these hills and cruising back down. It's a great workout for your legs and a good way to practice safe braking!

## LONG COURSE: West Woodlands Loop (5.8 mi round trip)

*Try a six-mile fitness loop that works equally well on the road and the pathways.*

### TURN-BY-TURN DIRECTIONS (all on pathways)

- Find the pathway exit from the park. Follow the pathway and turn **RIGHT** to leave Terramont Park and travel **WEST** on Terramont Drive.
- At Woodlands Parkway, wait for the signal and **CROSS THE STREET** to continue **SOUTH** on West Branch Crossing Drive.
- At Craftwood Drive, follow the pathway and **CROSS THE STREET** to continue **NORTHEAST** on Branch Crossing Drive.
- At Woodlands Parkway, wait for the signal and **CROSS THE STREET** to continue **NORTH** on Branch Crossing Drive.
- At Sterling Ridge Drive, use the lights to wait for the signal to **CROSS THE STREET TWICE** from the southwest corner of Branch Crossing Drive to the northeast corner of Branch Crossing Drive.
- Continue **NORTH** on the pathway along Branch Crossing Drive.
- At Terramont Drive, wait for the signal and **CROSS THE STREET** and turn **LEFT** on Terramont Drive.
- Arrive back at the park!



Want a longer workout? For additional mileage, consider adding a lap (or several!) on the one-mile gravel loop trail at Spindle Tree Ponds Park.

You can also add mileage by continuing EAST on Sterling Ridge Drive to Carlton Woods Drive, where you can travel south and connect with Flintridge Drive, one of our area's best cycling routes.

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# Bike The Woodlands Coalition October 2022 Family Bike Ride

## About Timarron Park & The Village of Creekside Park

Timarron Park is one of the gems of The Woodlands Township's parks, featuring tennis courts, a large pavilion, and an excellent sprayground. The Township features several spraygrounds like this one, which are open from March through October and are free and open to the public. In addition to Timarron, you can find spraygrounds at May Valley Park in Sterling Ridge, Sawmill Park in Grogan's Mill, Shadowbend Park in Cochran's Crossing, and Village Green here in Creekside. You can learn more about the sprayground at <https://www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/780/Spraygrounds>.

Today's ride will stay west of Kuykendahl Road and wind along the pathways in the Village of Creekside Park. We'll ride south on Timarron Drive before turning right to continue west on the pathway beside Creekside Forest Drive then circle back along Wendtwoods Drive. You may have noticed that there is a gap in the pathway system between Timarron Drive and Creekside Forest Drive along Kuykendahl Road. Recently, residents of Creekside Park, Bike The Woodlands Coalition, and other community members advocated for The Woodlands Township to improve bike and pedestrian infrastructure in the village to help make it safer for children to walk and bike to school in this area. Happily, the Township committed to add a new pathway in this area, a meaningful step toward safer, simpler active transportation in Creekside Park.

Although those recent improvements are encouraging, there is still much work to do. A young woman was killed in May 2021 as she tried to cross the street at the intersection of Kuykendahl and Creekside Green Drive, and recent reports in the Houston Chronicle document many other injuries and fatalities for cyclists and pedestrians across Harris County, including here in Creekside Park. There is clearly much more that we can do to improve our community's built environment so that people can walk, bike, and drive safely as we share the roads in our beautiful home.

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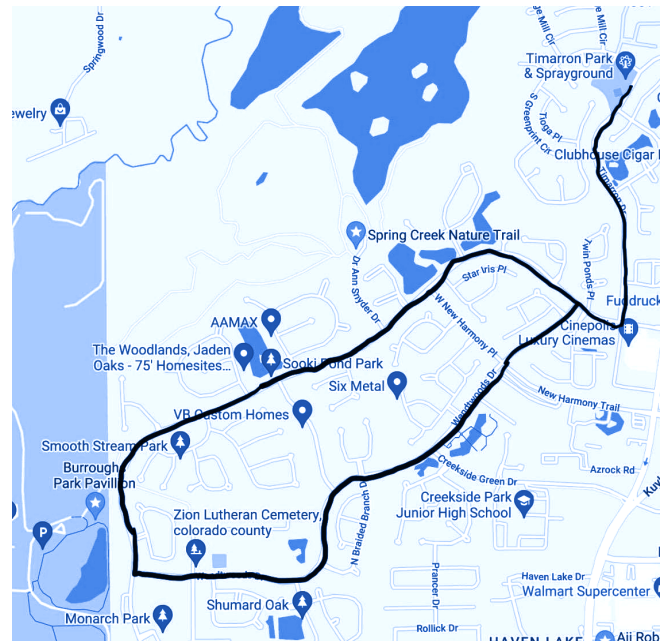
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## TODAY'S COURSE: Western Creekside Circle Route (5.1 mi round trip)

### TURN-BY-TURN DIRECTIONS (all on pathways)

- Find the pathway exit from the park. Follow the pathway and turn **RIGHT** to leave Timarron Park and travel **SOUTH** along Timarron Drive.
- At Creekside Forest Drive, turn **RIGHT** to travel **WEST** on Creekside Forest Drive.
- At Marchs Pond, turn **LEFT** and cross the street to travel **EAST** on Wendtwoods Drive.
- At Creekside Forest Drive, cross the street and turn **RIGHT** to travel **EAST** on Creekside Forest Drive.
- At Timarron Drive, cross the street and then turn **LEFT** to travel **NORTH** on Timarron Drive.
- Travel **NORTH** on Timarron Drive until you reach Timarron Park again.



### Want to explore more?

On our ride, we passed Dr. Ann Snyder Drive, an access point to the George Mitchell Nature Preserve that is named after current Township Director Dr. Ann Snyder. Dr. Snyder is a longtime resident of The Woodlands who has long been a champion for outdoor recreation in our community – and she was one of the directors who most recently led the charge on infrastructure improvements for pedestrians and cyclists here in Creekside Park. Turn down this road to find a great spot for hiking and mountain biking around two surprisingly large ponds.

### Want a longer ride?

You can also add mileage by continuing **EAST** on Creekside Forest Drive across Kuykendahl and continuing on to the Rob Fleming Park complex. There you can explore Rob Fleming Rec Center and access the George Mitchell Nature Preserve. You can also use the roundabout to connect with Creekside Green Drive and circle back east to complete a popular loop used by athletes of all ages and abilities in this area.

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